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SUBJECT: UNCTAD NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE ON COMMON FUND FOR  
COMMODITIES,MARCH 7-APRIL 1

1. BEFORE DEPARTING FOR GENEVA TO ATTEND SUBJECT CONFERENCE,  
SRI LANKAN DELEGATION HEAD,DR. J.B. KELEGAMA,SECRETARY OF  
MINISTRY OF TRADE,MADE PRESS STATEMENT THAT PURPOSE OF  
CONFERENCE WAS TO RECONCILE DIVERGENT VIEWS HELD BY PRIMARY  
PRODUCING COUNTRIES AND CONSUMING DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.  
KELEGAMA SAID THAT MAJORITY OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AS WELL  
AS THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE HAVE VERY STRONG  
RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE COMMON FUND.DEVELOPED COUNTRIES  
PREFER EXAMINE PROBLEM ON COMMODITY-BY-COMMODITY BASIS RATHER  
THAN TAKE COMPREHESIVE AND INTEGRATED APPROACH, AND SOCIALIST  
COUNTRIES HAVE SHOWN UNWILLINGNESS TO MAKE CONTRIBUTION TO  
FUND.

2. KELEGAMA WENT ON TO SAY THAT POSITION OF LDCE WAS  
EMBODIED IN 1976 MANILA DECLARATION OF THE GROUP OF 77 WHICH  
WAS REAFFIRMED AT NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT CONFERENCE HELD  
IN COLOMBO LAST AUGUST. MOREOVER, NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES  
HAVE ALREADY BEGUN FORMULATING THEIR OWN COMMON FUND  
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SCHEME SHOULD UNCTAD NEGOTIATIONS FAIL.

3. IN ADDITION TO KELEGAMA, SRI LANKA DELEGATION WILL  
CONSIST OF C.P. CHANMUGAM, DEPUTY SECRETARY TO THE  
TREASURY; SUSANTHA DE ALWIS,PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
IN GENEVA; LEELANANDA DE DILVA,SENIOR ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY IN MINISTRY OF PALNNG AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS;

AND L. MARIADASON, COUNSELOR OF SRI LANKA MISSION IN GENEVA.

4. COMMENT: ALL MEMBERS OF DELEGATION HAVE DEPRTEED EXCPET LEELANANDA DE SILVA WHO WILL GO TO GENEVA, MARCH 20. EMBASSY OFFICER HAS MARCH 8 APPOINTMENT WITH DE SILVA AND WILL REPORT FURTHER ON SIR LANKAN POSITION. PERKINS

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